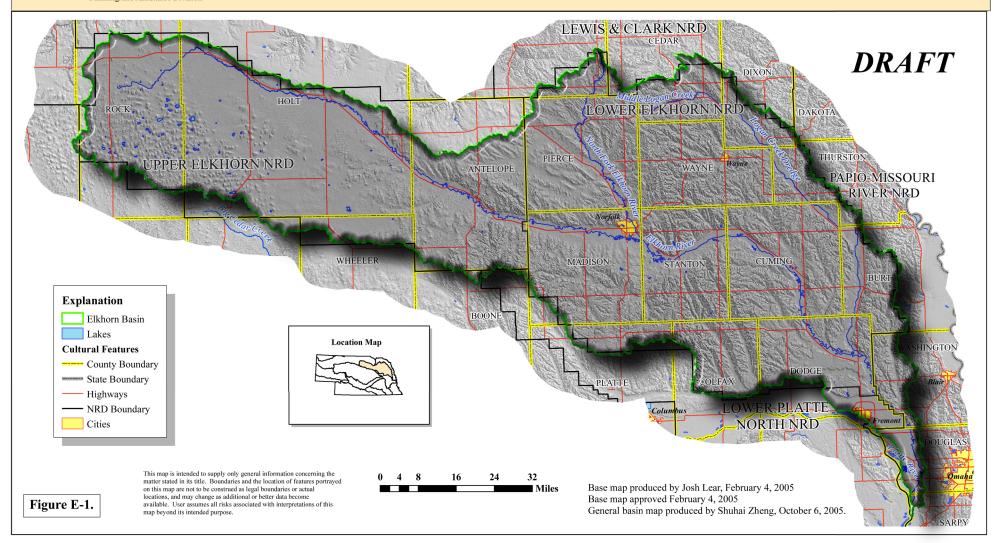


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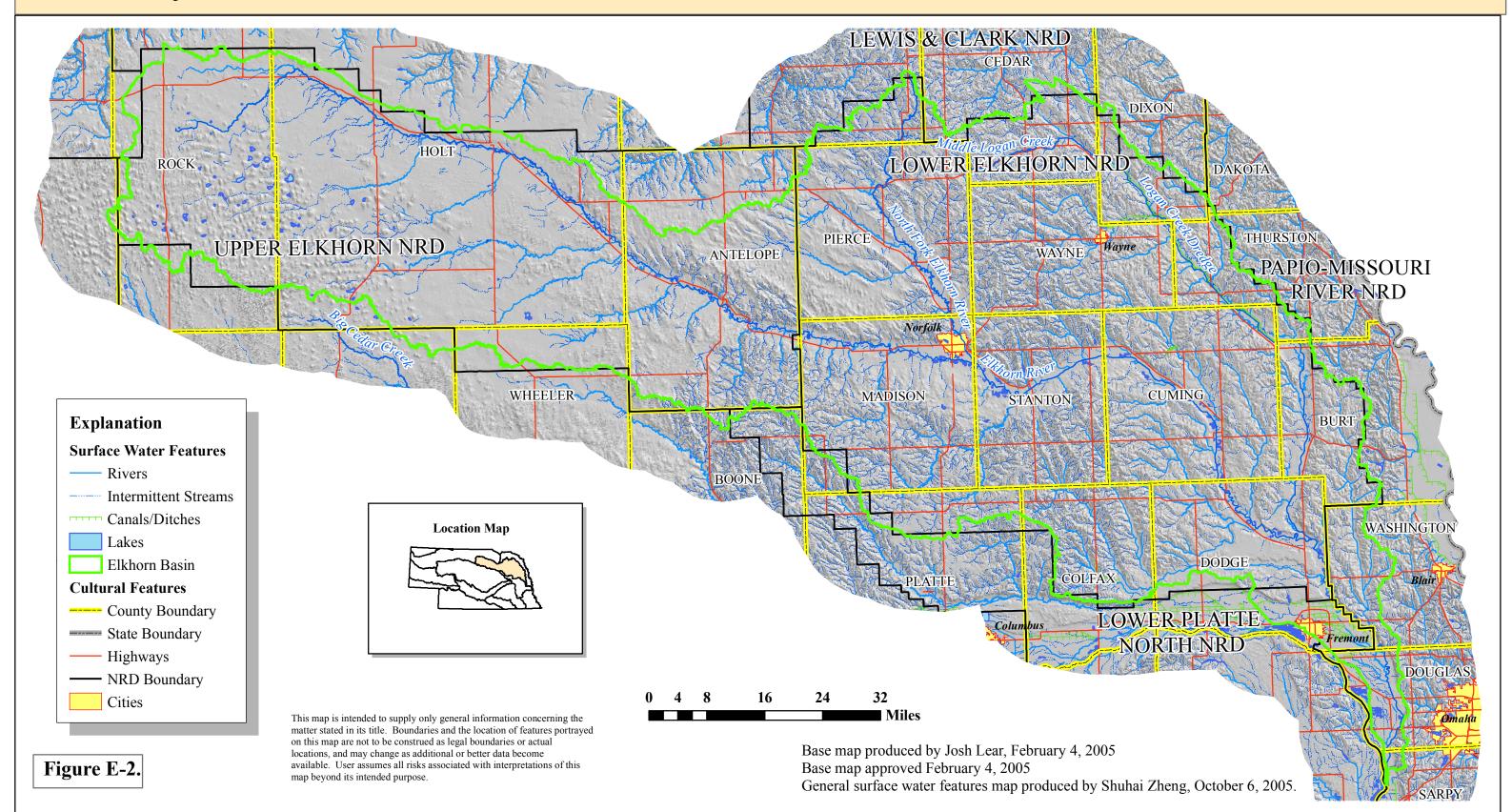






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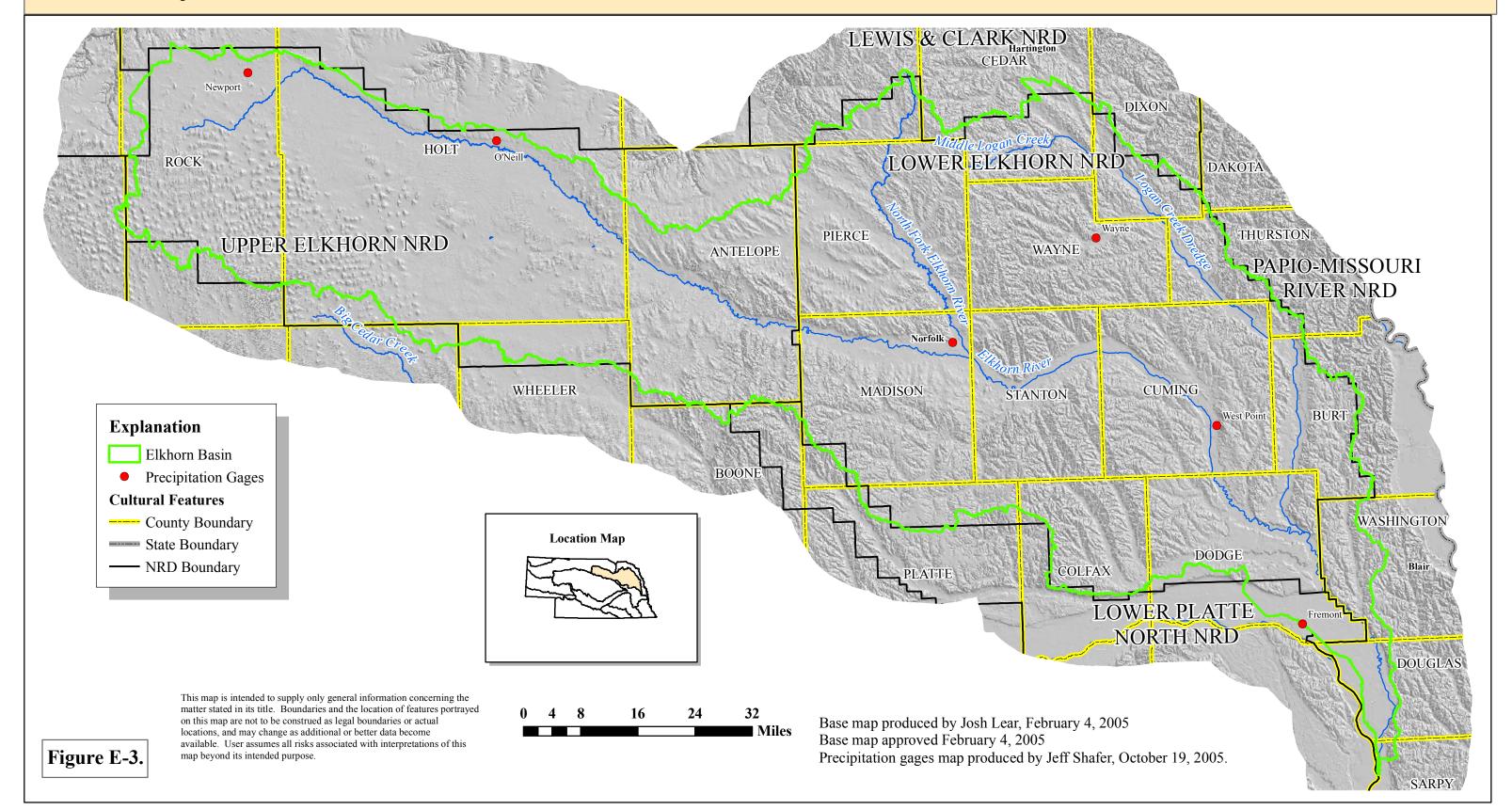


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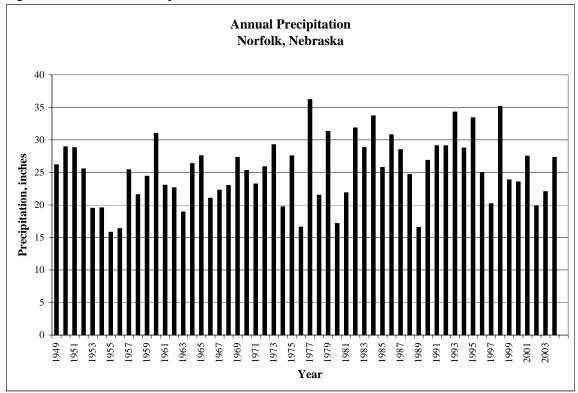


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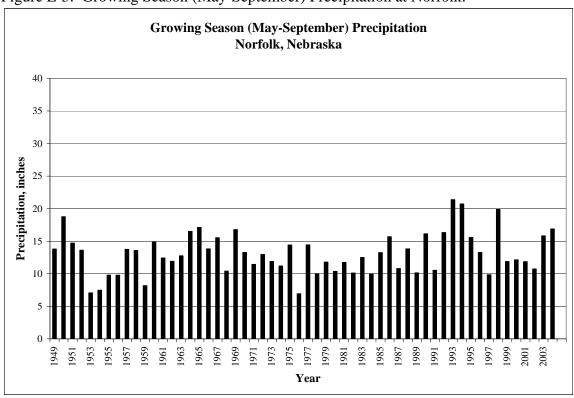


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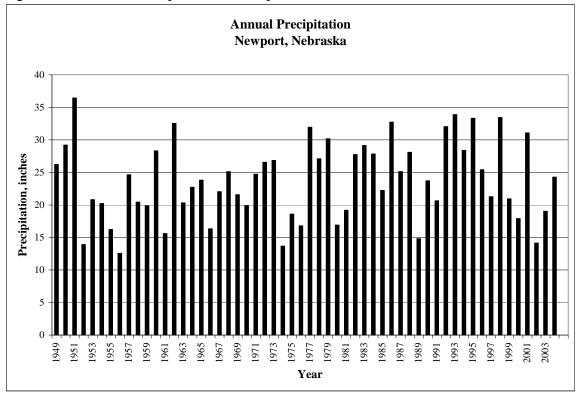


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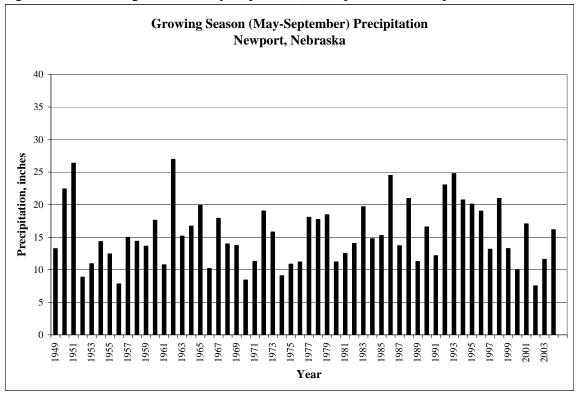


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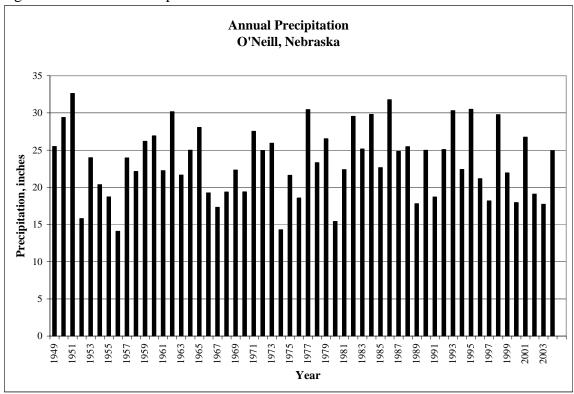


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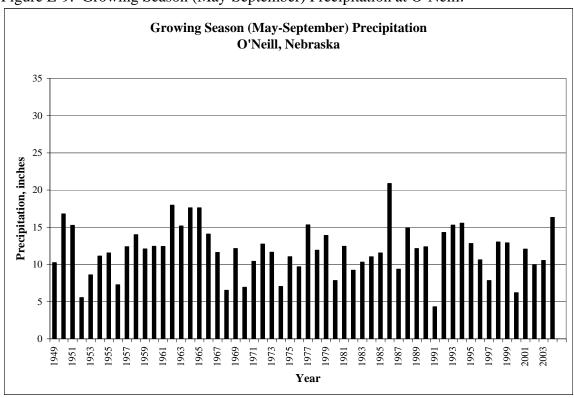


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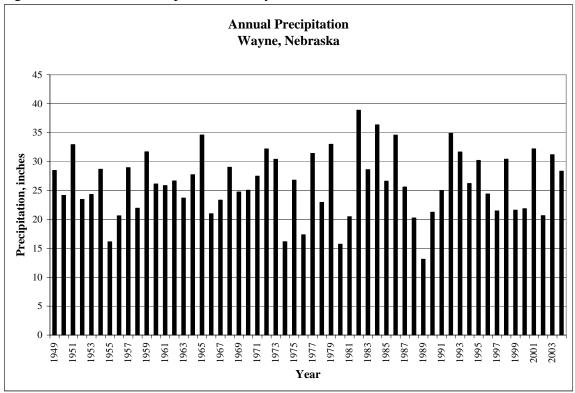


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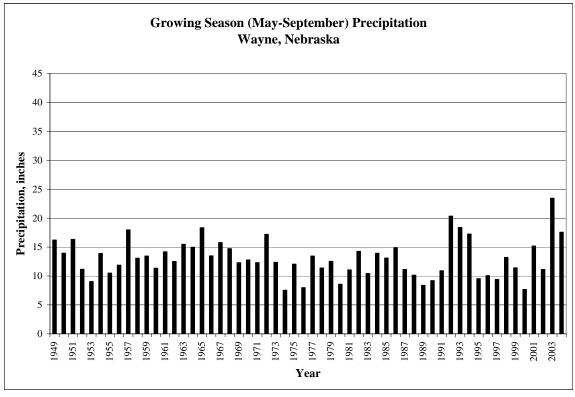


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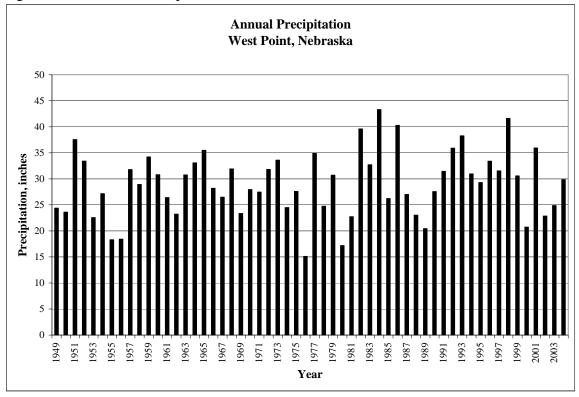
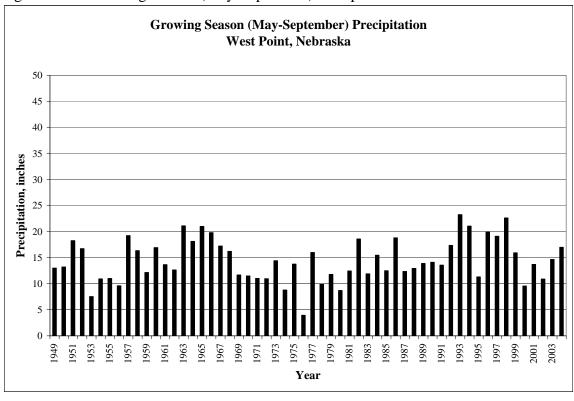


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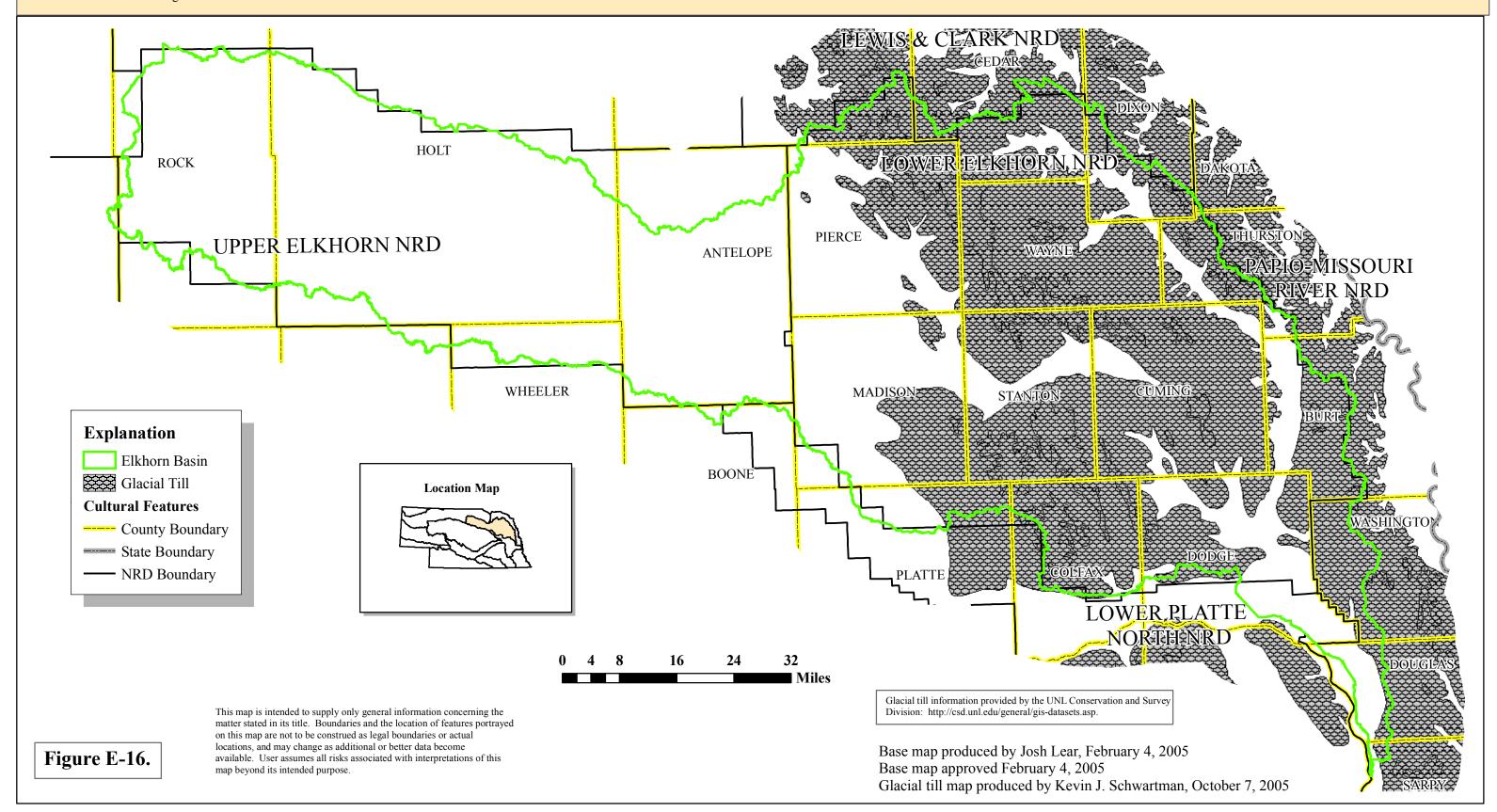


Table E-1. – Aquifers in unconsolidated surficial deposits, (modified from Brogden, Shaffer and Engberg, 1976; Newport, 1957; LENRD, 1994; UENRD, 1995)

System	Hydrogeologic unit	Character and description Maxi in f		Hydrogeologic characteristics	
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Recent	Alluvium, loess, dune sand and soil	Clay, silt, sand and gravel alluvium in reworked stream-valley lands and sand and gravel in stream channels. Loess deposited on valley terraces and upland surfaces.	30	Not an important source of water except in areas where the water table is close to the land surface.	
	Peorian Loess Wind deposits of massive clay on uplands and on terraces; some dune sand.		45	Yields water slowly to wells in areas where it occurs below the water table.	
	Todd Valley Formation	Eolian or alluvial sand and gravel. Dune-like topography on upper surfaces.	50	May yield water to wells where it occurs below the water table.	
	Loveland Formation	Stratified silt and clay with fine sand laminae in valleys. Massive silt and clay (loess) in uplands. Capped with paleosol.	50	Yields water slowly to wells in areas where it occurs below the water table.	
Quaternary	Crete Formation	Sand and gravel deposited as channel fill. Modified by local materials. Generally		May yield water to wells in areas where it occurs below the water table.	
	Kansan (Glacial) Drift Boulder till with a high percentage of Sioux Quartzite fragments and thick oxidized and leached material.		100	Not an important source of water but may yield small amounts of water in some areas.	
	Grand Island Formation Sand and gravel deposited by streams. Fine sand near top with some glacial outwash.		75	Yields abundant good quality water to wells in areas where it occur below the water table.	
	Holdrege Formation	Fluvial sand and gravel generally deposited in pre-Pleistocene valleys.	15	Yields abundant supplies of good quality water to wells.	

Table E-2. – Characteristics of bedrock aquifers (modified from Keech and Dreeszen, 1959, 1968; LBNRD, 1995)

System	Hydrogeologic unit	Character and description	Maximum thickness, in feet	Hydrogeologic characteristics
Tertiary	Ogallala Group	Fluvial gravel, sand, silt and clay. Generally occurs in thin lenses that interfinger within a short distance. Moderately to well cemented in places by calcium carbonate forming resistant ledges.	200	Yields abundant supplies of good quality water to wells. More important in western part of the basin where it is thicker than in the eastern part of the basin.
	Pierre Shale	Shale that is generally weathered at the top. Some areas with overlying clay may be made up of weathered Pierre Shale.	400	Not an important source of water but may yield small amounts of poor quality water to wells were fractured or along bedding planes and thin isolated sand beds.
Cretaceous	Niobrara Formation	Soft Shaley limestone or impure chalk with some clay, fine sand and limy shale beds.	250	Not an important sources of water but may yield small amounts of water to wells.
	Dakota Sandstone	Fine to medium-grained sandstone interbedded with clay shale, sandy shale, siltstone and claystone. May be massive or cross-bedded, common ironstone zones. Sandstones are slightly to moderately permeable.	600	Will yield small amounts of poor quality water. May be too highly mineralized for most uses.

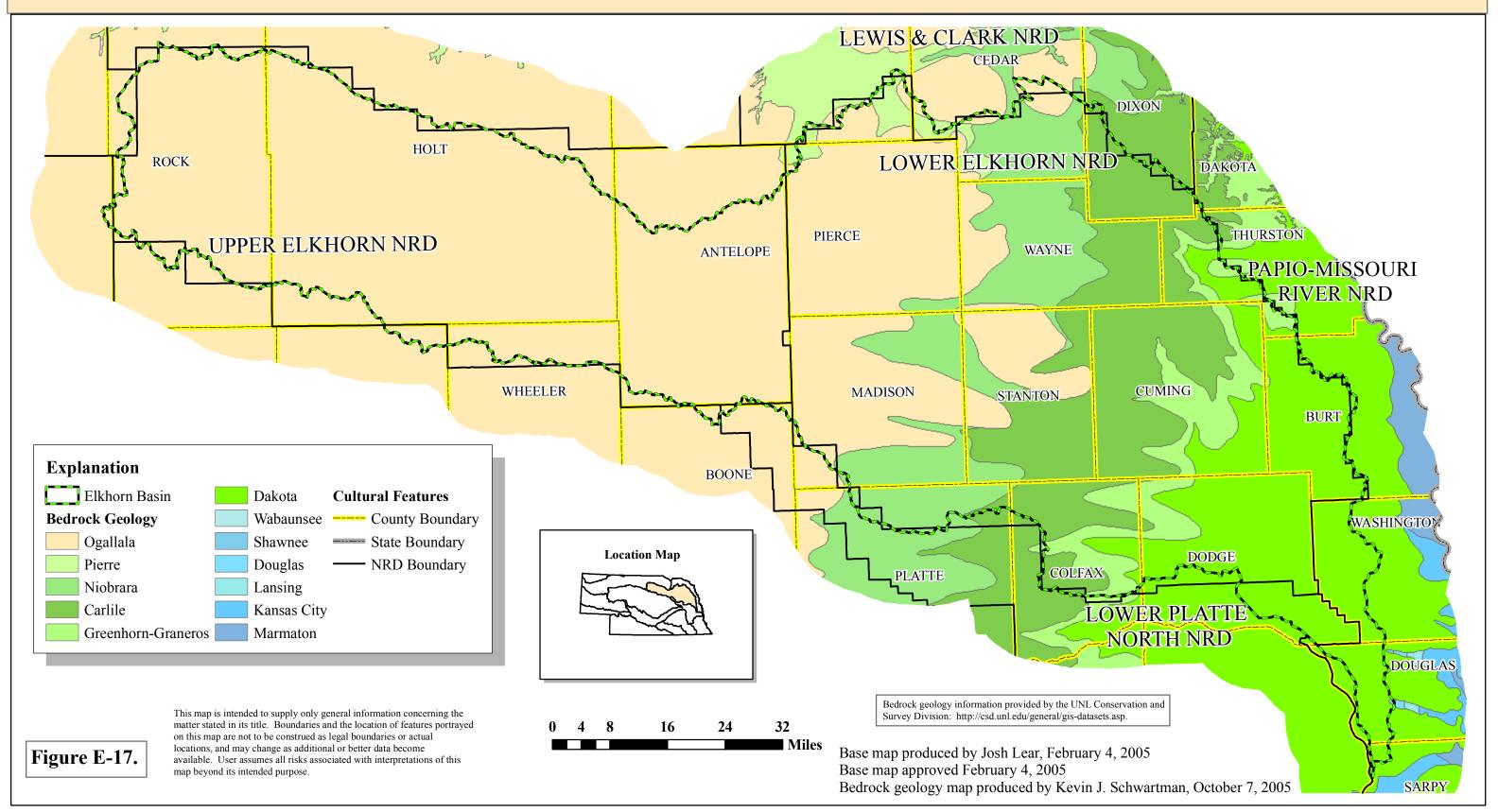


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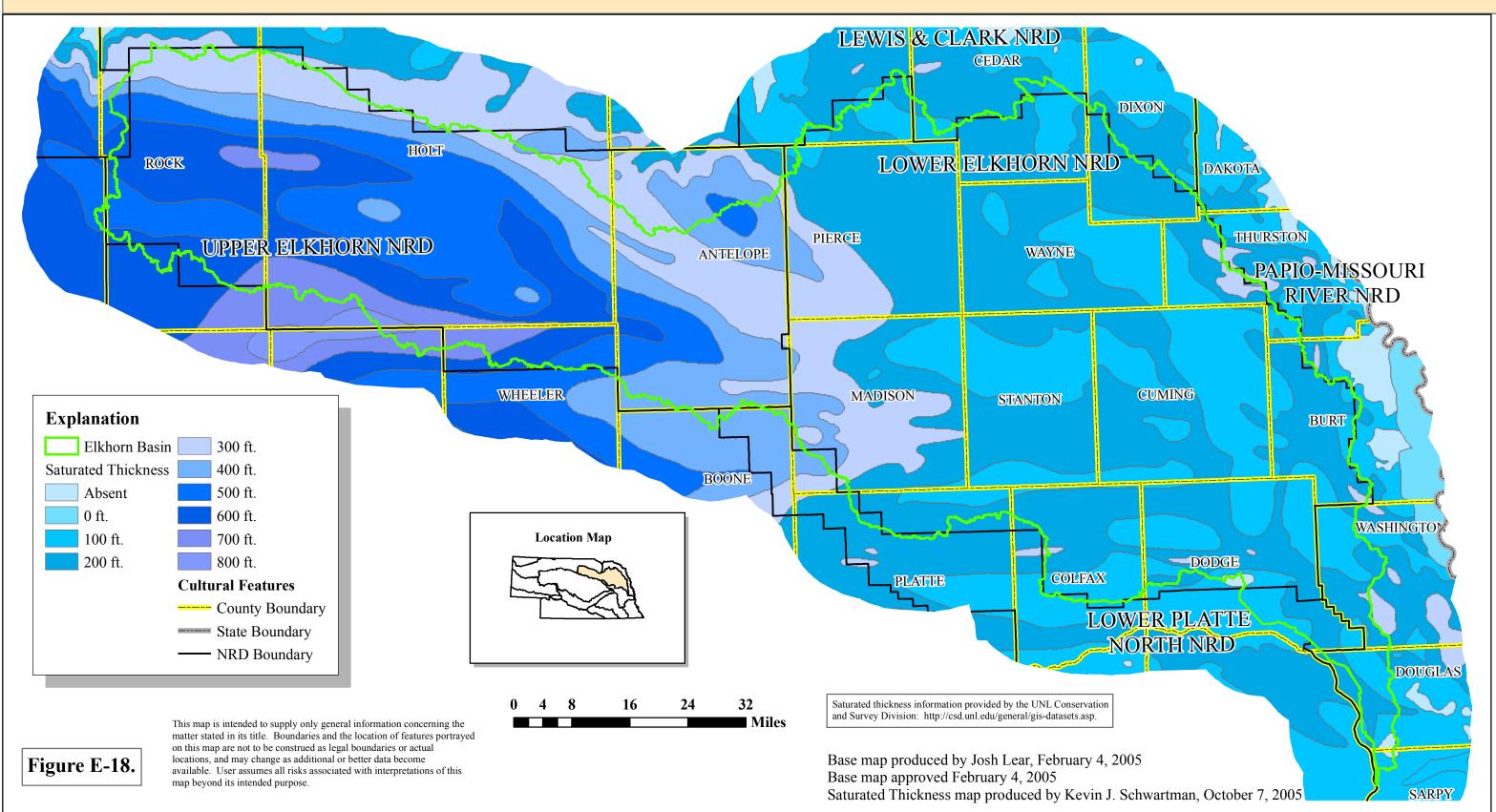




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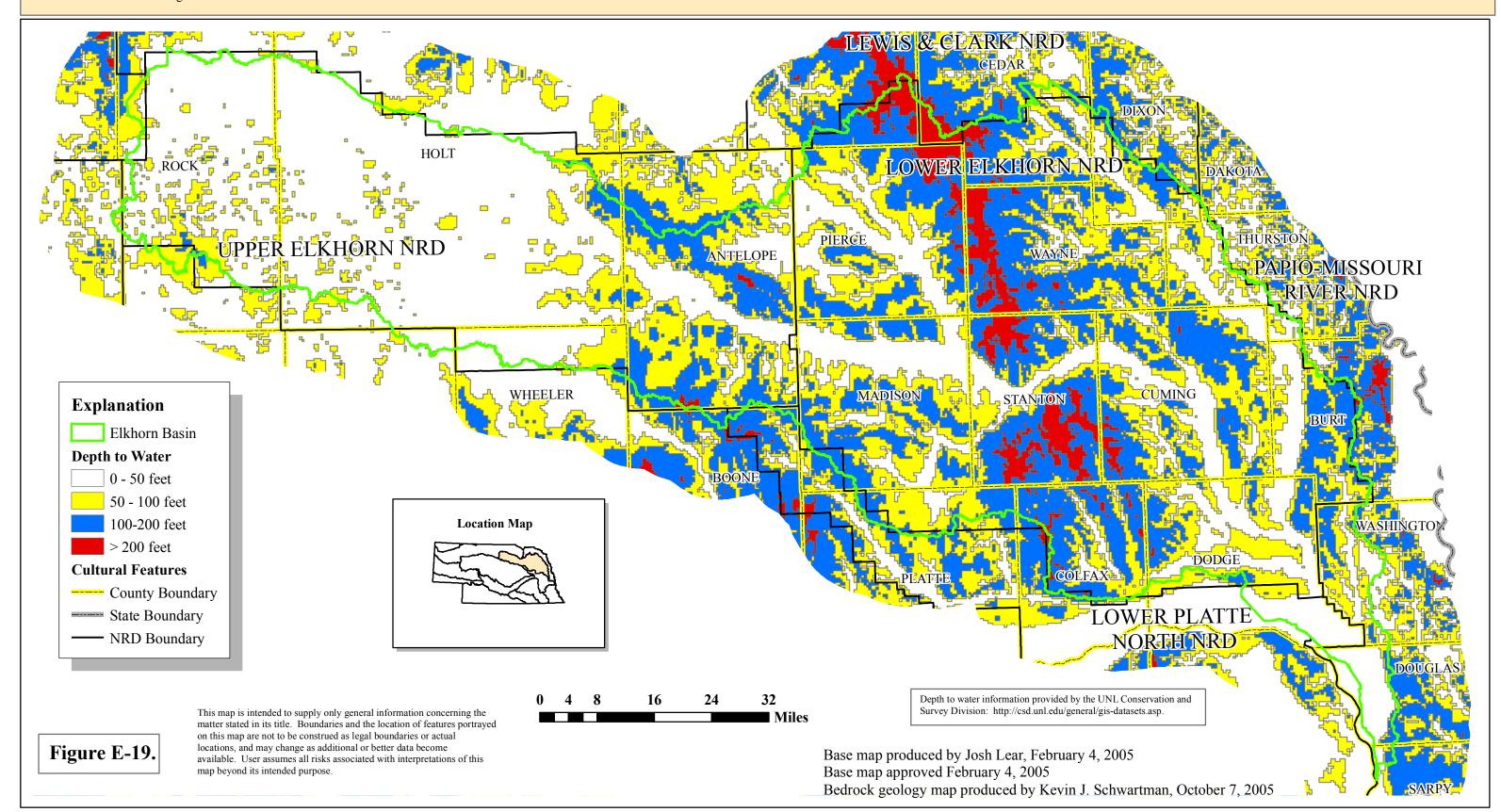
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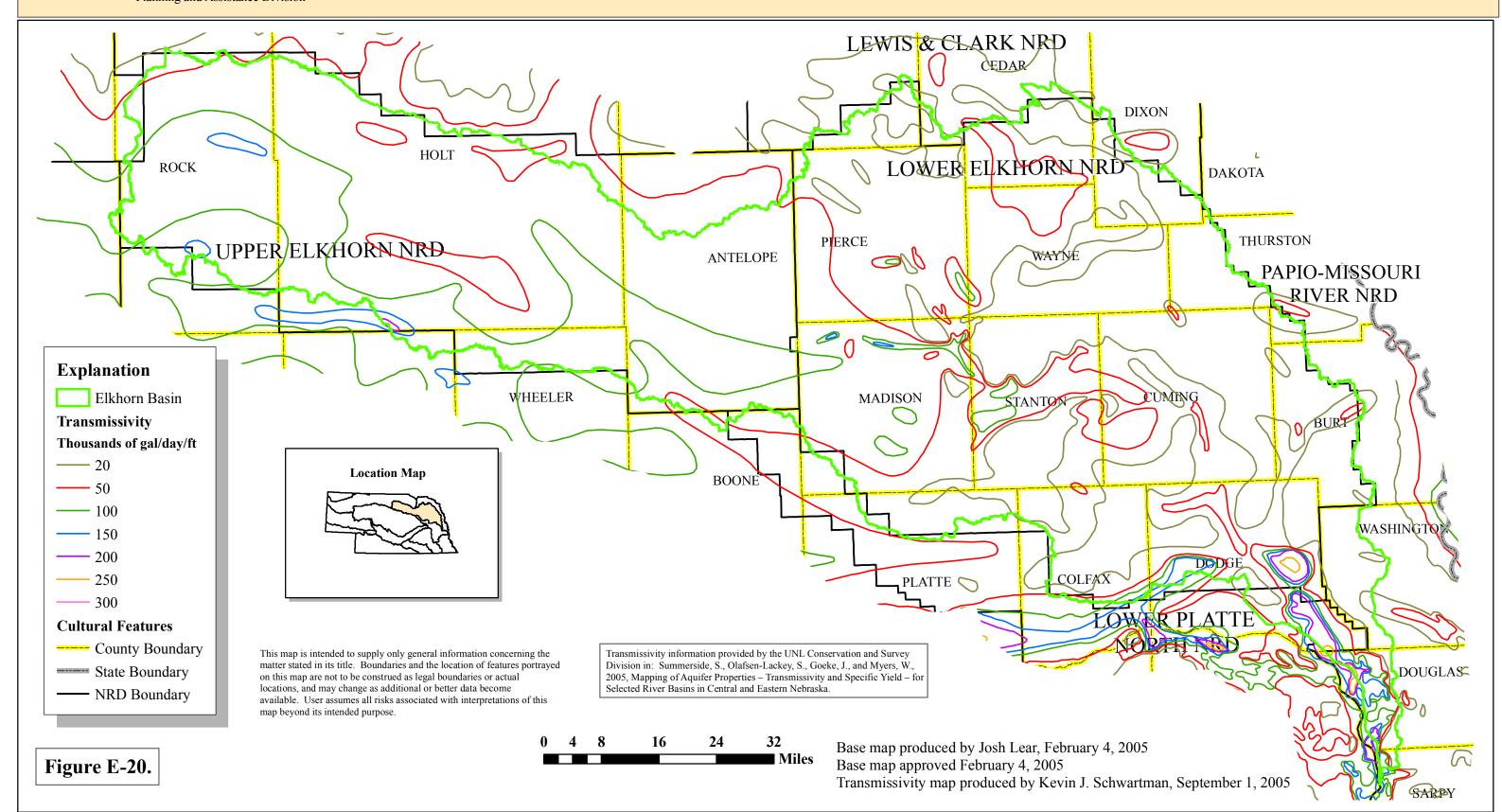






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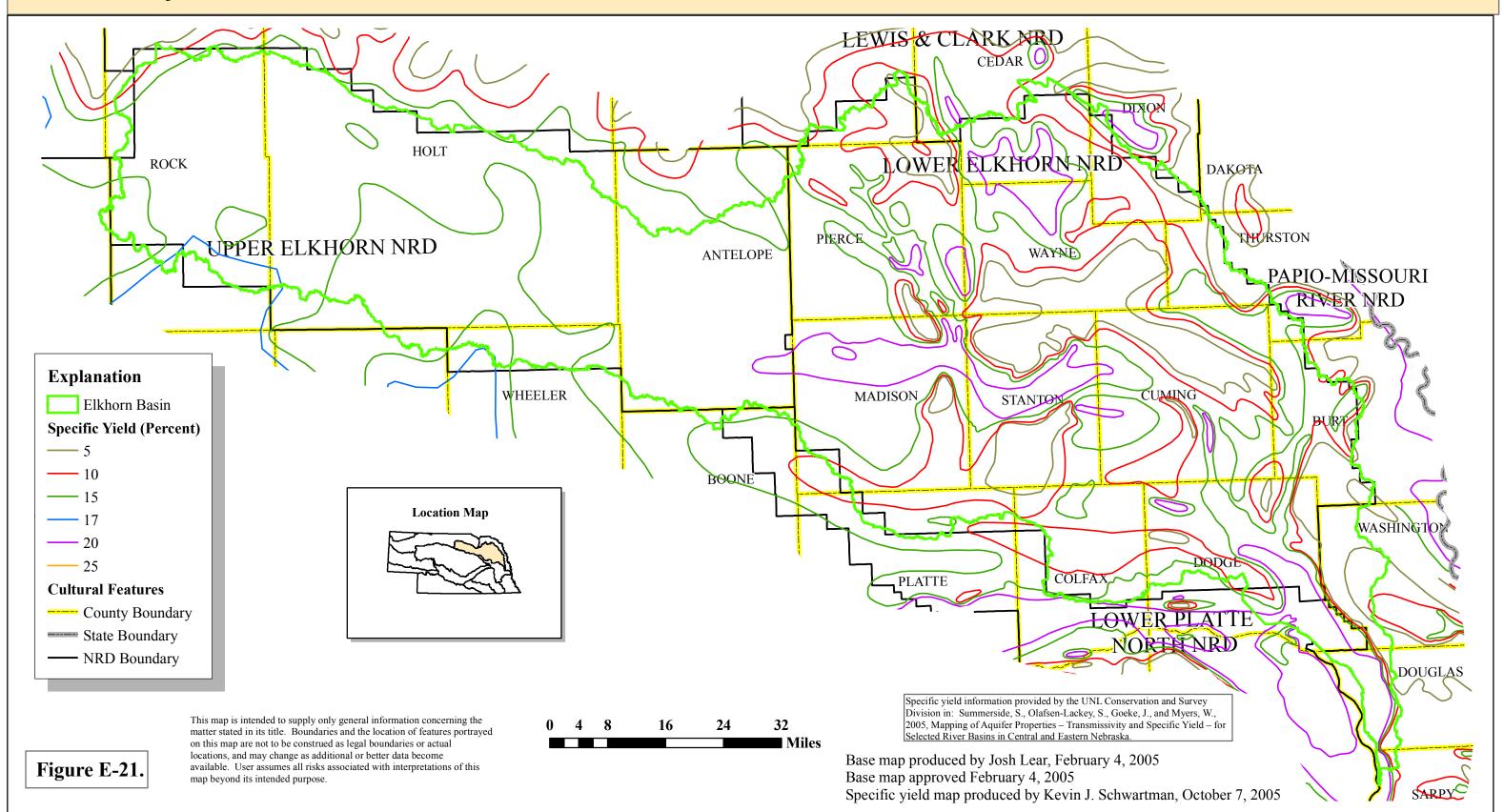


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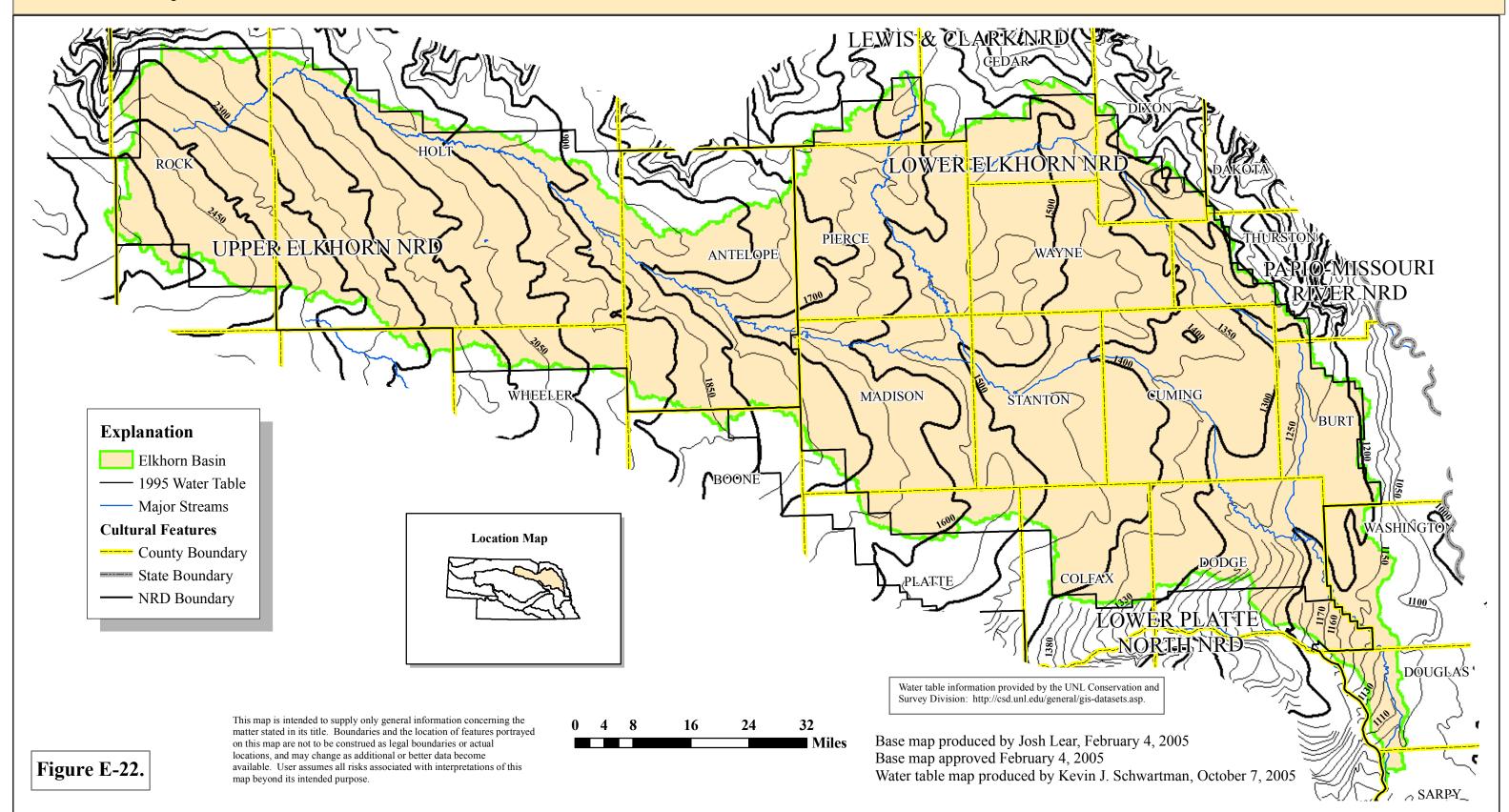
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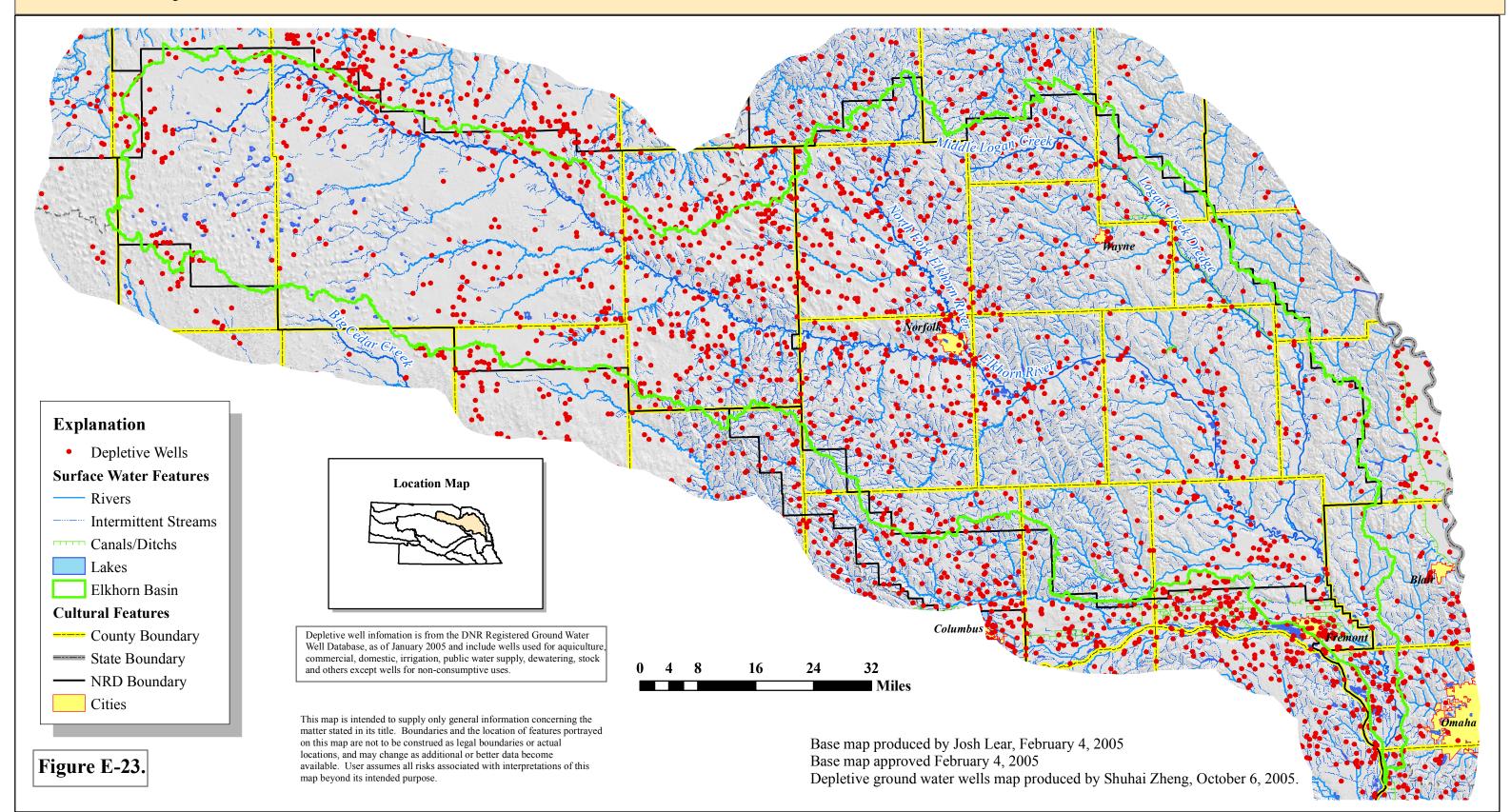






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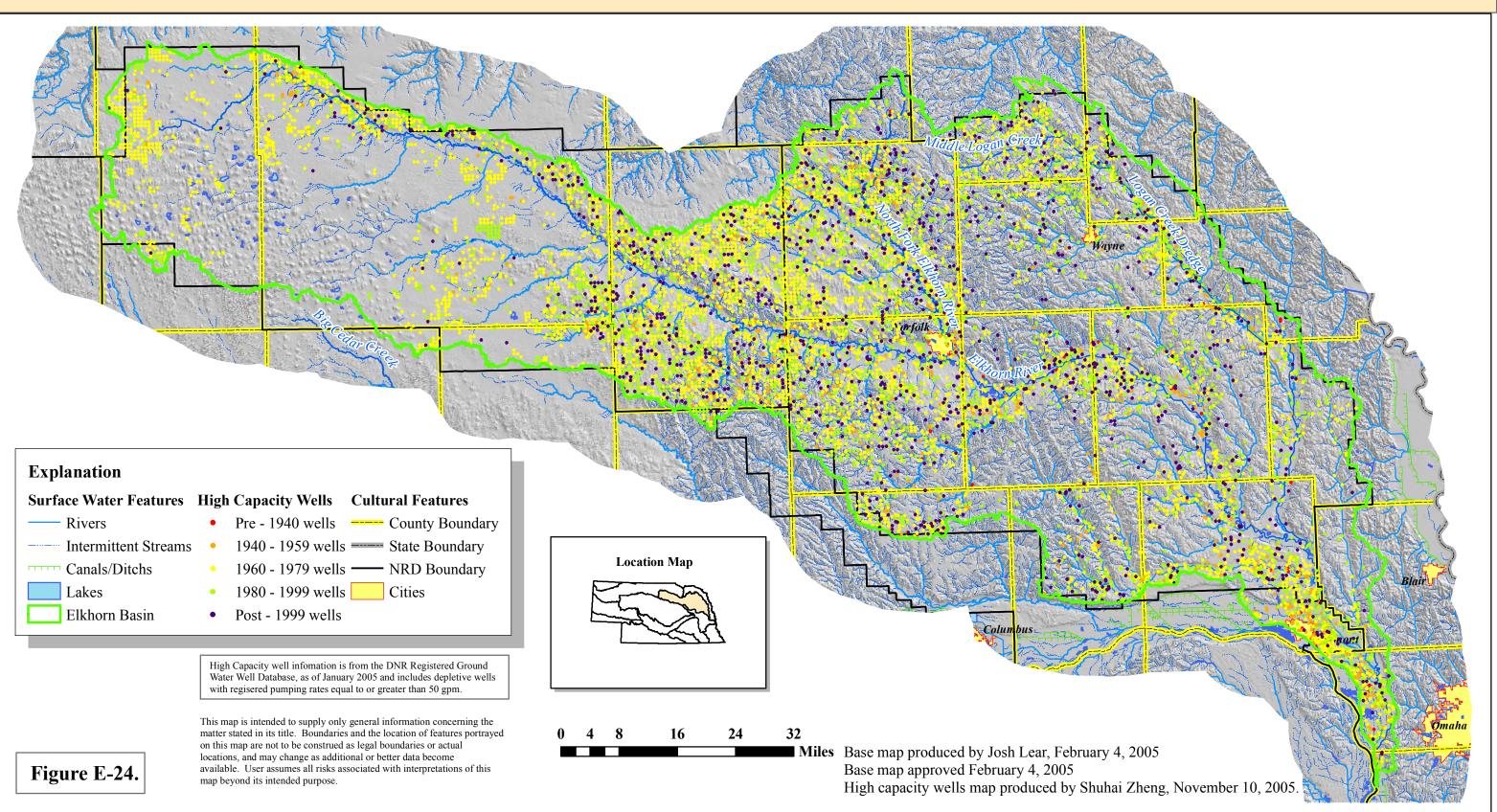


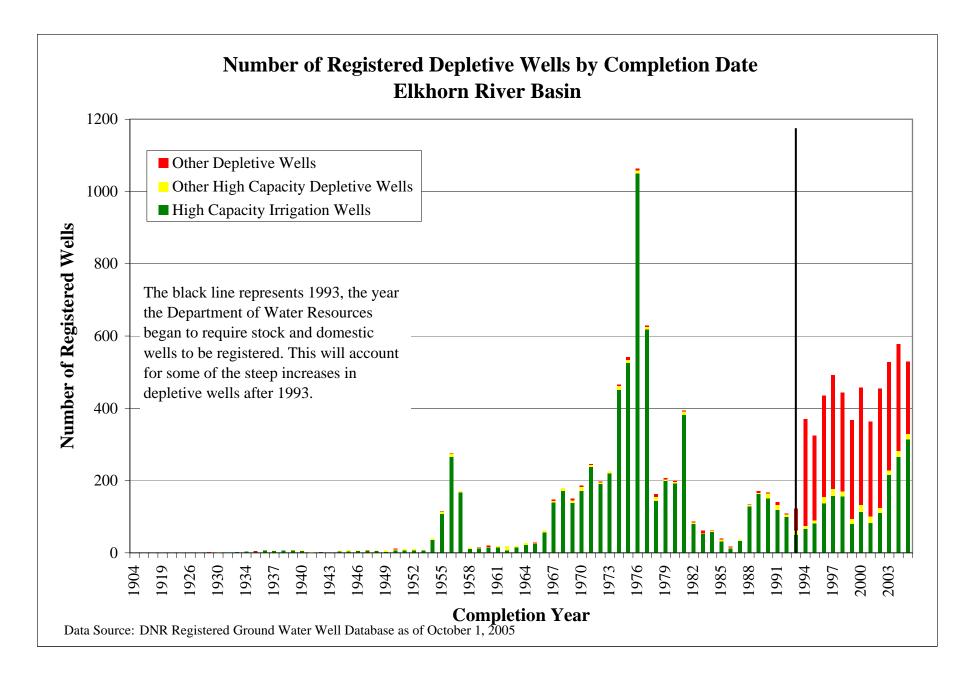


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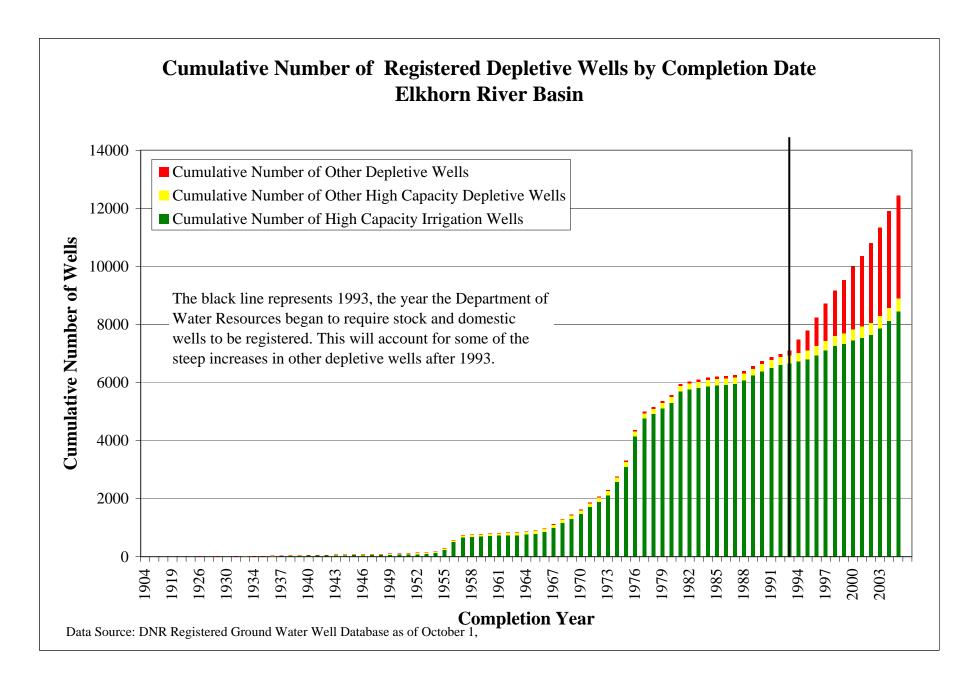


Table E-3. Average Irrigated Acreage 1950-2003 for Counties Fully or Partially in the Elkhorn River Basin

	Estimated Average Irrigated Acreage by County							
County Name	Percent of County in Elkhorn Basin	1950-1959	1960-1969	1970-1979	1980-1989	1990-1999	2000-2003	
Antelope	72	3140	14709	89076	160910	184990	213225	
Boone	2	10299	25671	63326	111210	141590	164400	
Brown	<1	1995	10633	46396	52650	49940	47775	
Burt	43	1381	5037	23483	39080	47950	55925	
Cedar	29	963	2710	22303	54880	65180	78350	
Colfax	57	6048	16812	31426	59530	59970	63850	
Cuming	100	786	2352	11849	27020	36840	42875	
Dakota	<1	489	1734	5431	10190	17000	18000	
Dixon	28	105	599	5859	15650	17290	19025	
Dodge	78	6865	19554	51683	80740	93890	104050	
Douglas	21	825	2188	7555	12830	12640	9850	
Garfield	4	3173	5654	12800	19450	14610	14650	
Holt	54	2746	27950	133669	195120	210960	220725	
Knox	7	677	3535	17682	35420	43430	49875	
Madison	94	2219	8494	37086	70420	86440	102150	
Pierce	99	1673	5891	42958	94670	104610	114725	
Platte	16	10651	31718	77881	127710	161700	188775	
Rock	58	115	1646	27958	38410	37150	36825	
Sarpy	3	816	981	3597	5390	6690	6375	
Stanton	100	1152	4391	13785	25280	26120	29000	
Thurston	35	592	1277	3823	8470	6450	13275	
Washington	30	512	1693	7132	17270	16340	17250	
Wayne	100	227	761	5564	16680	24960	36075	

	Estimated Average Irrigated Acreage by County						
County Name	Percent of County in Elkhorn Basin	1950-1959	1960-1969	1970-1979	1980-1989	1990-1999	2000-2003
Wheeler	20	442	1804	16334	41330	42820	44050
Total		57890	197794	758656	1320310	1509560	1691075
% Change from Previous 10							
Years			241.67%	283.56%	74.03%	14.33%	12.02%

^{*} The percentage is the percentage of the county area which is in the Elkhorn Basin. It does not necessarily represent the percentage of irrigated county acreage in the Elkhorn River Basin.

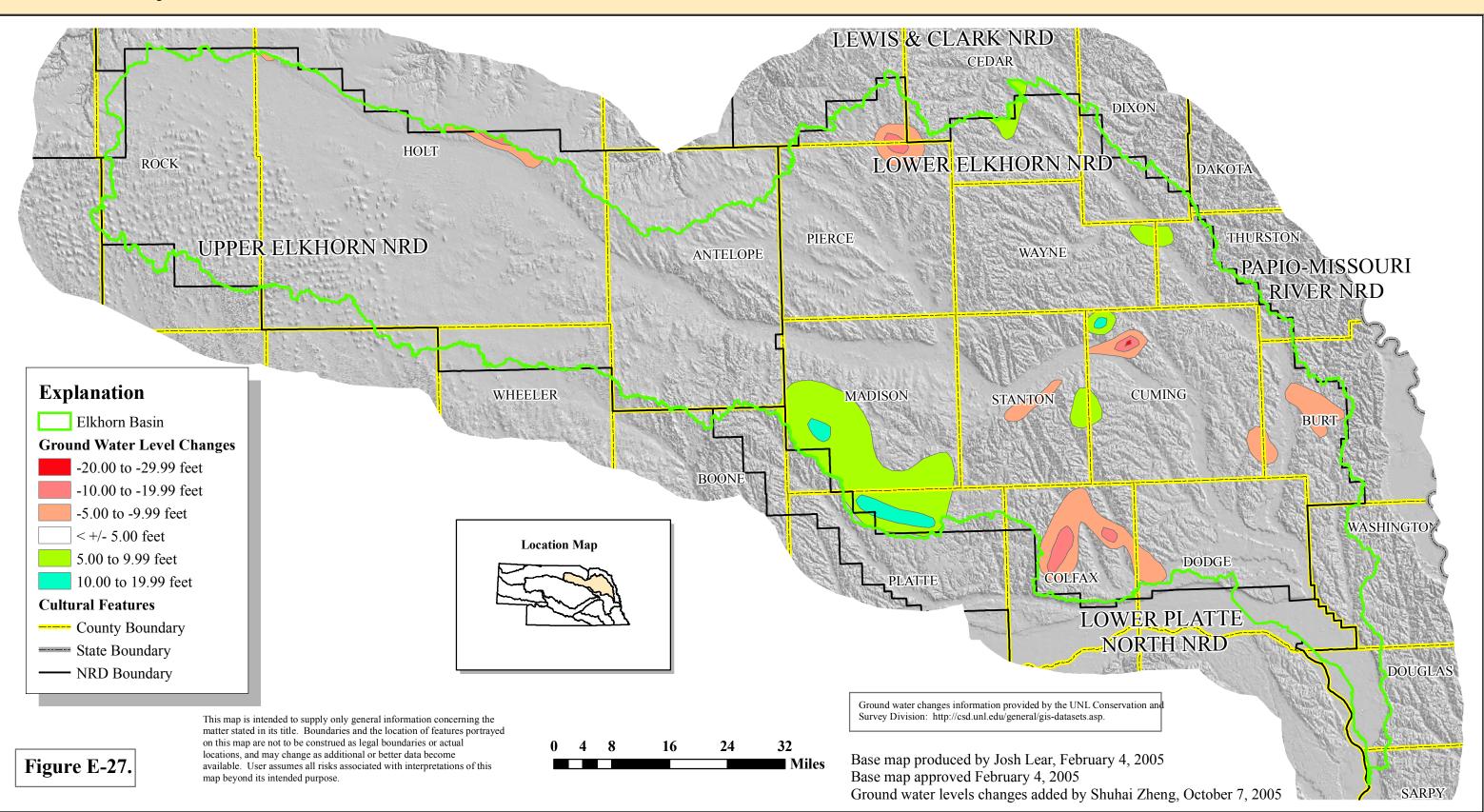
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Ground Water-level Changes Pre-development to 2005 ELKHORN RIVER BASIN



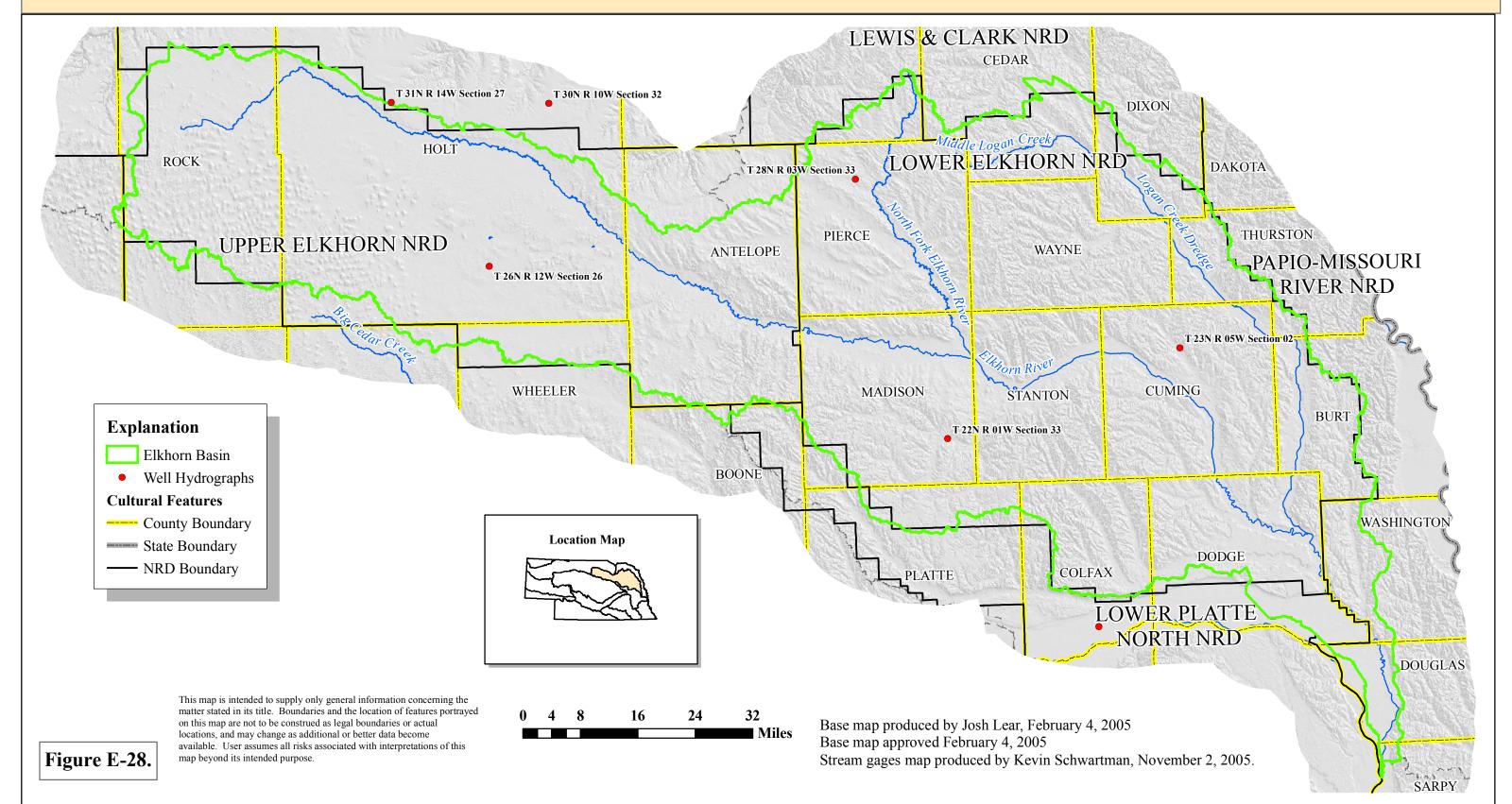
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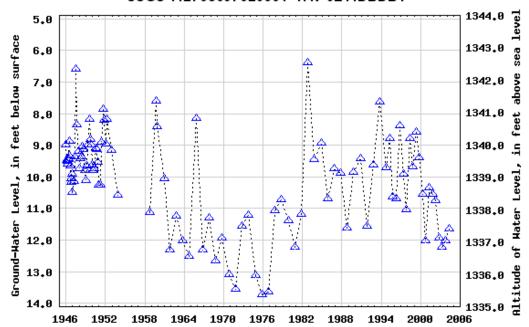
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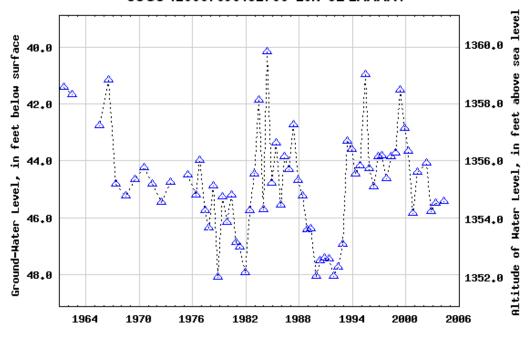


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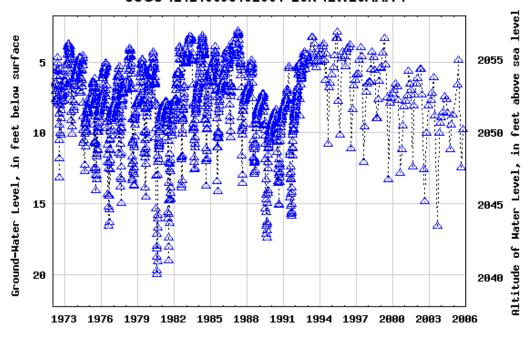
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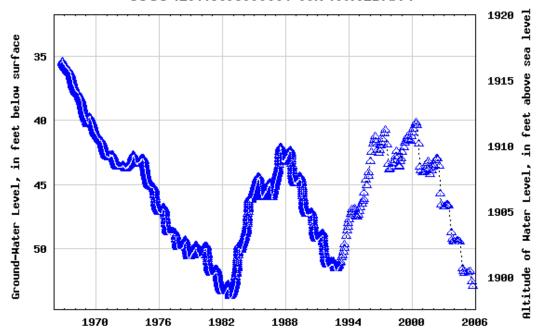


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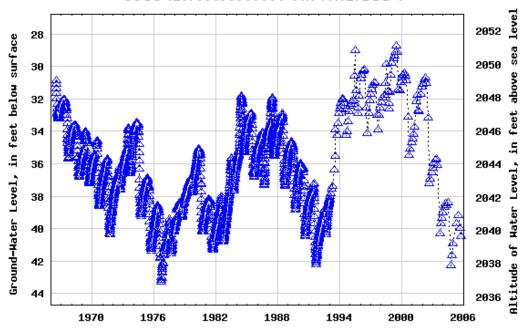


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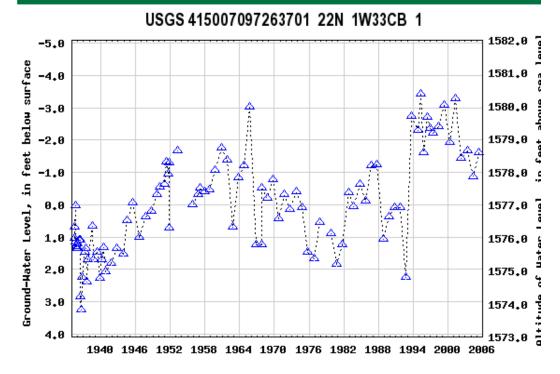
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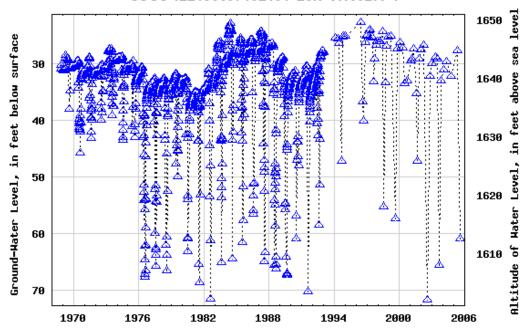


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The depth of the well is 60.0 feet below land surface.
This well is completed in the QUATERNARY SAND DEPOSITS (112SDGV) local aquifer.

Figure E-34

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Land-surface elevation 1,673.00 feet above sea level NGVD29
The depth of the well is 121 feet below land surface.
This well is completed in the QUATERNARY SAND AND
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Figure E-35



Stream Gages

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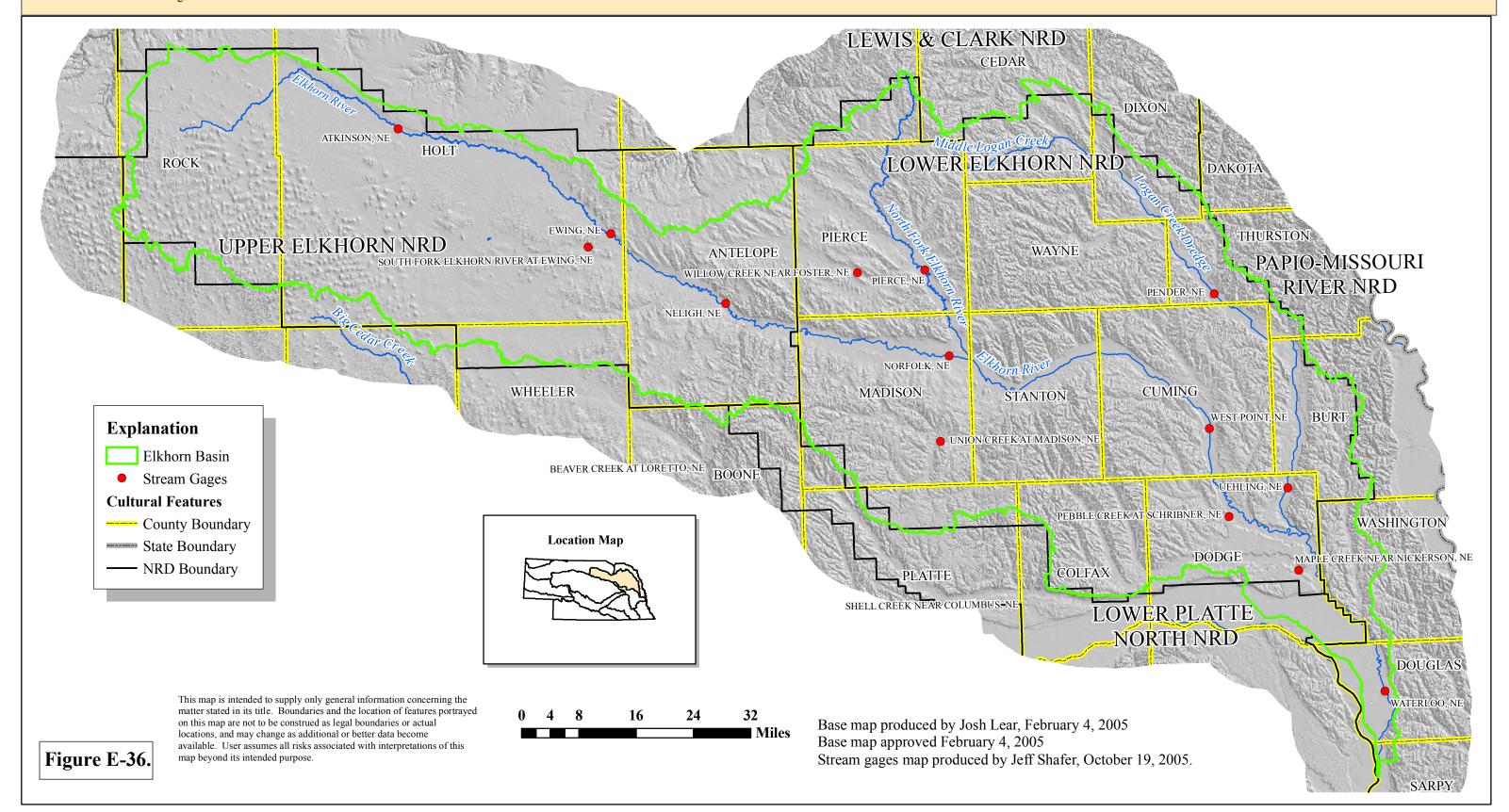


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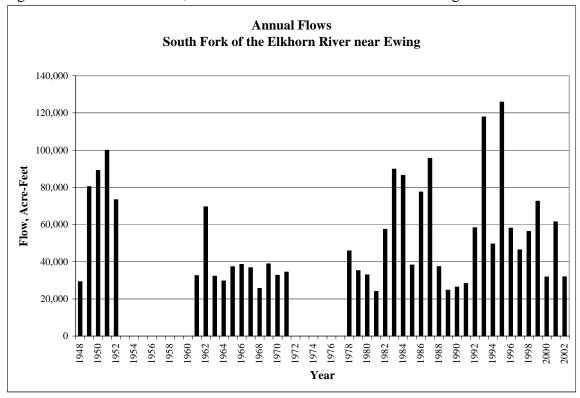


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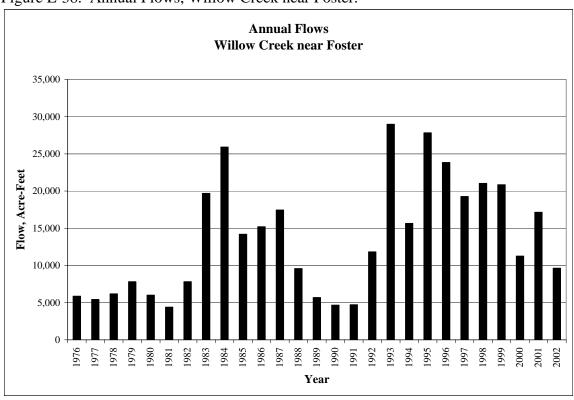


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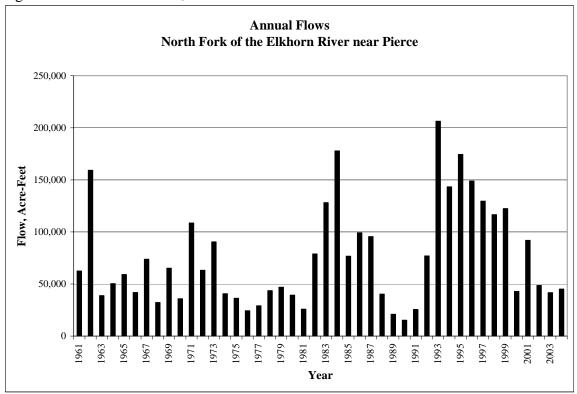


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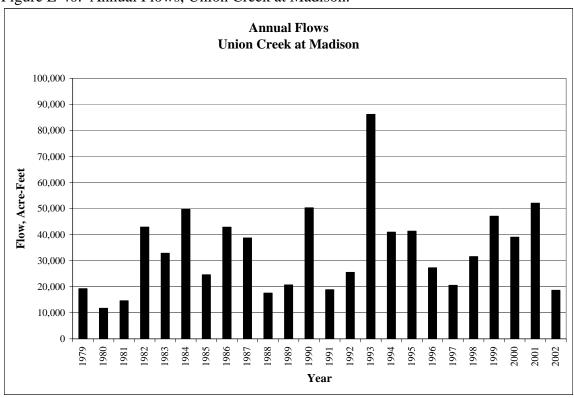


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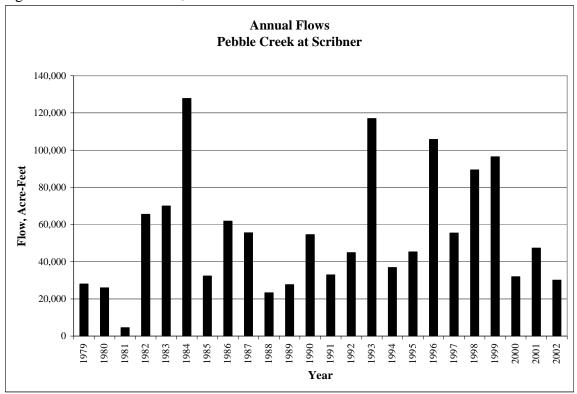


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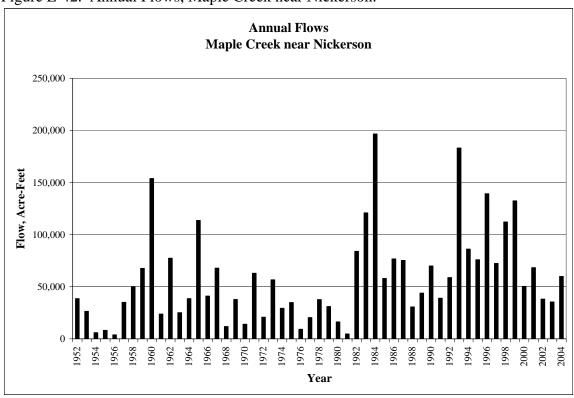


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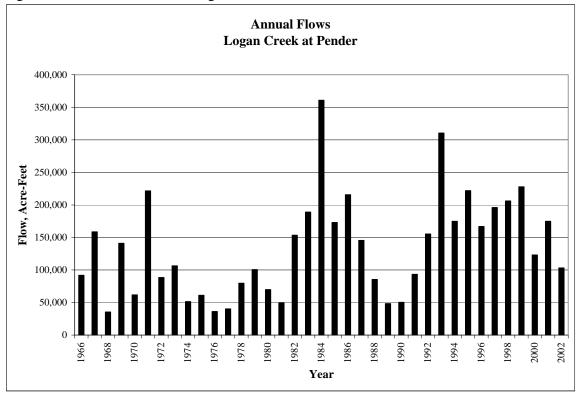


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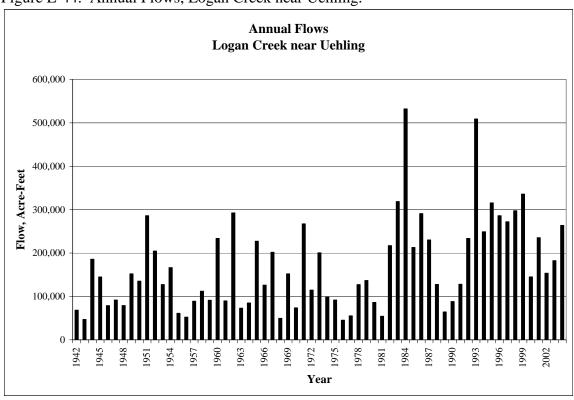


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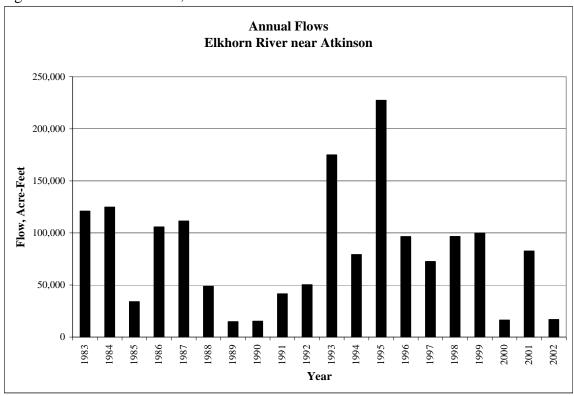


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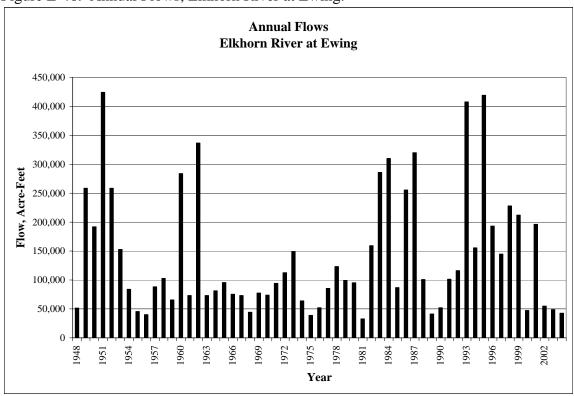


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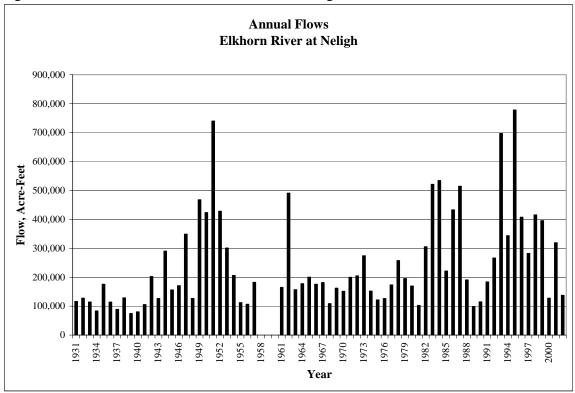


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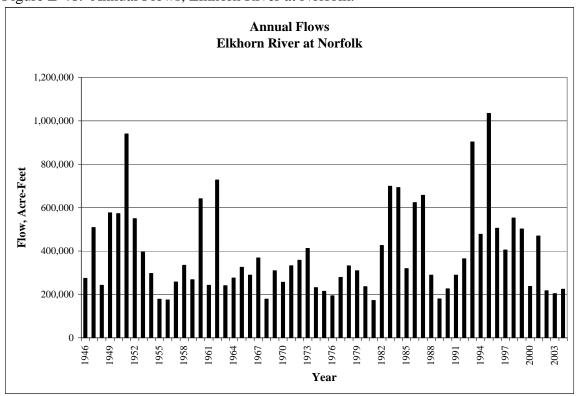


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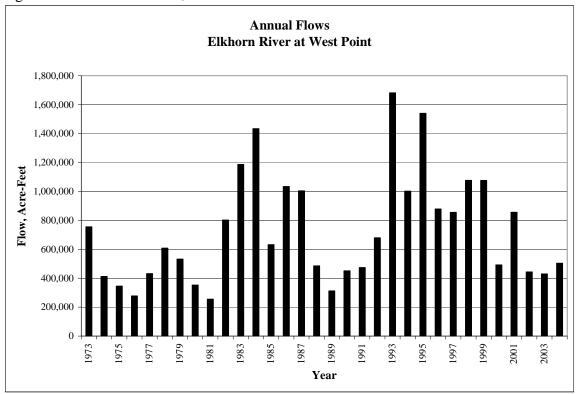
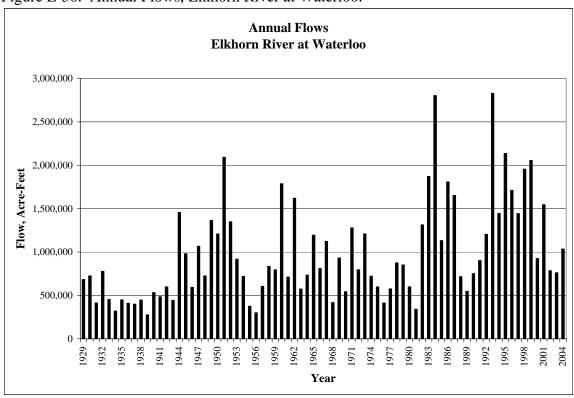


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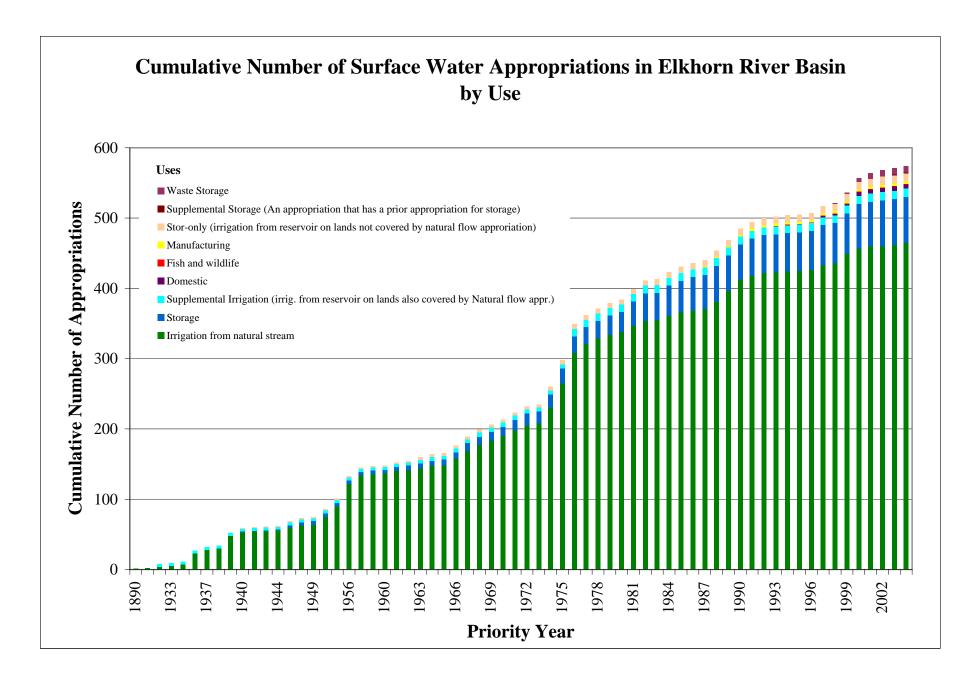


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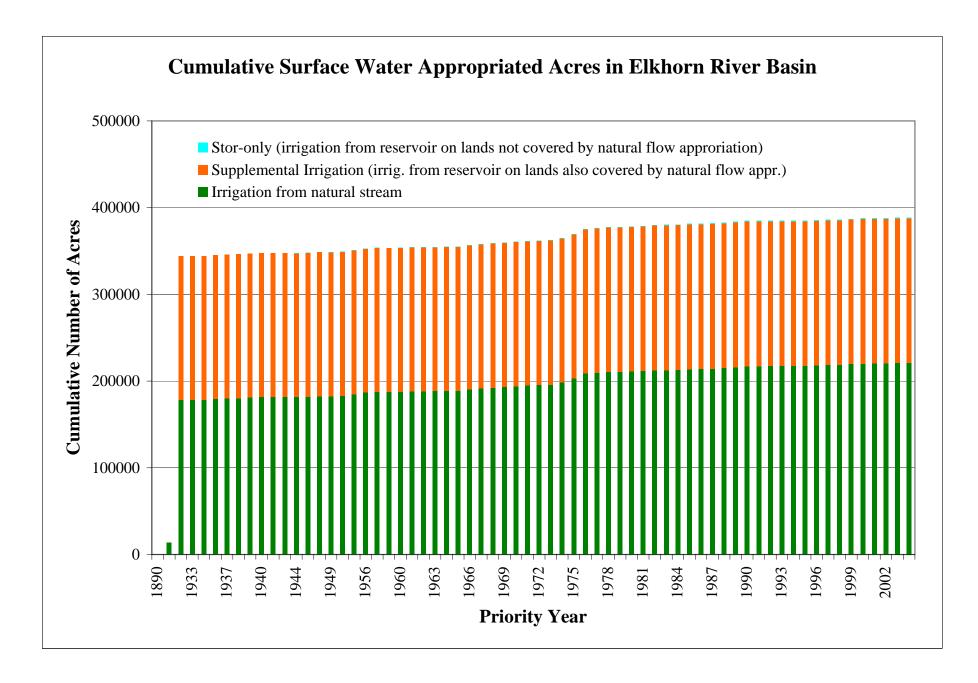


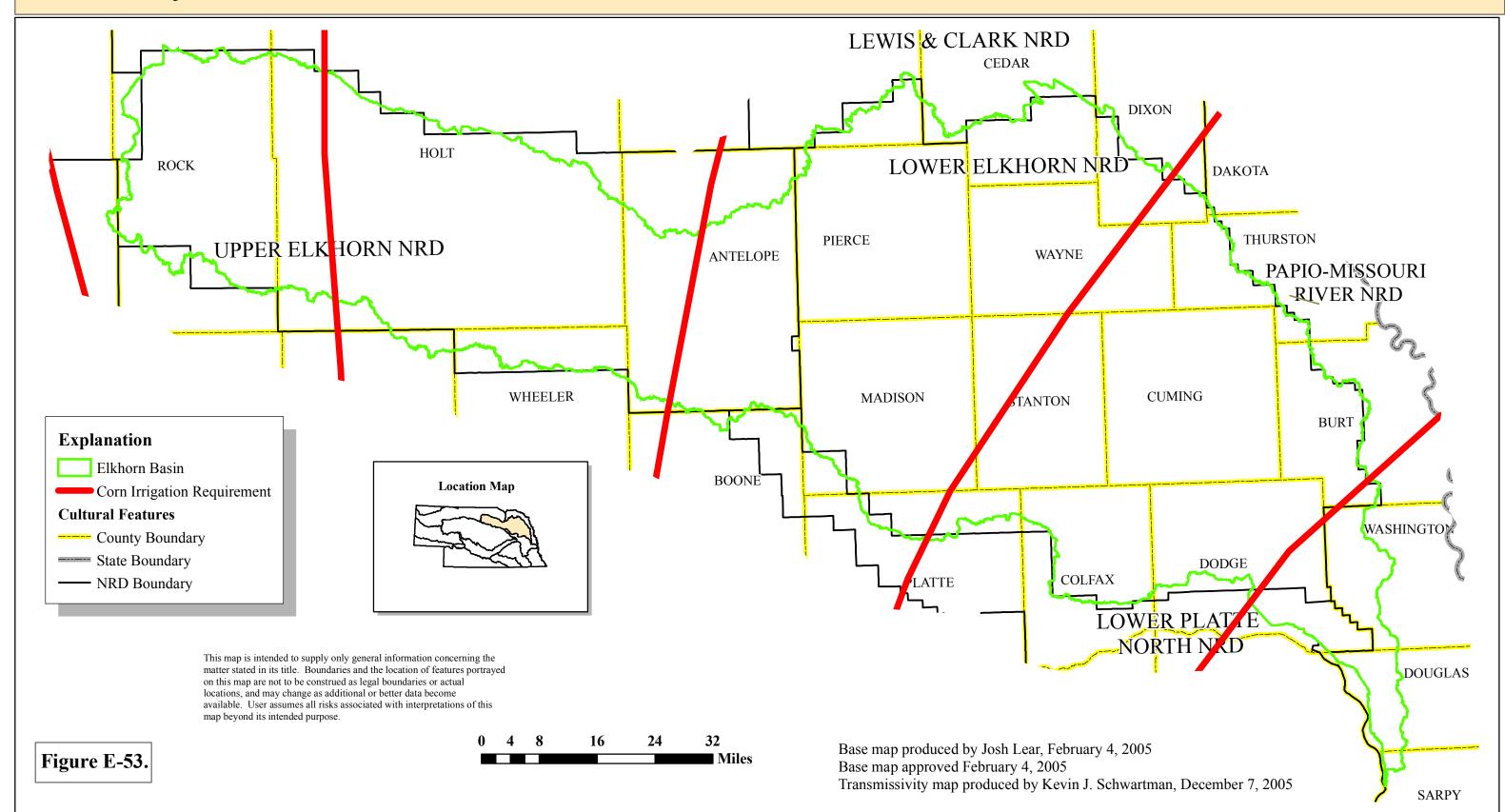
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